

CHALLENGES BRYAN

JAPANESE DRINK TO AMERICANS

American Naval Officers Meet Jap Notables at a Big Ball in City of Tokio.

(By Associated Press.)
TOKIO, Oct. 22.—A dinner and ball given this evening in honor of the visit of the American fleet by Premier Katsura at his residence, brought together about 1500 prominent people, including all the American officers of the fleet.
There were no set speeches, but Premier Katsura proposed the health of Roosevelt, and American Ambassador O'Brien that of the Emperor of Japan. A toast to the fleet by the premier was responded to by Admiral Sperry.
The ball was the most brilliant function of the week. American officers dancing with the wives and daughters of the Japanese notables, a majority of whom were dressed in European costumes.
Tomorrow 4000 sailors come to Tokio to attend a garden party in Hibiya park, given by Y. Osaki, the mayor of Tokio.

Terrible Storm In Philippines

(By Associated Press.)
MANILA, Oct. 21.—Belated reports indicate that the storm of the 12th in Cagayan valley, was the worst and most destructive within the memory of living inhabitants of the valley. Official figures are not yet available, as many places are not heard from, but it seems certain the number of dead will reach 300.
There was a typhoon and torrential rains through the valley and in the mountains. The rivers were flooded in many places and rose to height of thirty feet, sweeping everything before them. Hundreds of animals and houses were swept away by the waters.

CLAIMS NEW YORK FOR TAFT

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—On the eve of his last campaign visit to Chicago, where he will remain two days, Chairman Hitchcock of the Republican national committee, expressed himself more confidently than at any time since he assumed management of the Republican campaign. He declared New York is absolutely safe for the national and state tickets, and added he was confident that California, Oregon and Washington will give large Republican pluralities.

HINDOOS PREFER COLD CANADA TO HONDURAS

VANCOUVER, Oct. 21.—Hindoos at Victoria object to deportation to British Honduras and have had a telegram sent to secretary of state for India and a copy to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in which they say the Sikhs in Victoria protest against possible removal to British Honduras. They declare they are willing to stay in Canada and if forced to vacate Canada they would prefer to return to India.

A CLOUDBURST IN OKLAHOMA

(By Associated Press.)
OKLAHOMA CITY (Okla.), Oct. 21.—A cloudburst early this morning caused a rise in the Canadian river that inundated its valley for several miles and washed away the tracks of several railroads.
Tonight a cloudburst at Perry caused a sudden rise in all streams in that section, flooding several hundred acres of crops. A third of the town of Pawnee, 1500 inhabitants, is covered with six feet of water.

HISEN IS NOW IN INDIANA

(By Associated Press.)
PETERSBURG (Ind.), Oct. 21.—An immense crowd greeted Thomas E. Hise, the independence party candidate for president, and William Hearst here this afternoon. Hise and Hearst returned to Indianapolis tonight and the latter left immediately for New York. The former will leave Indianapolis for Toledo, Ohio, Hearst at the Petersburg meeting, attacked Taft and Bryan.

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Roosevelt Asks Bryan to Make Public His Stand on Demo- cratic Anti-Injunction Plank.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—President Roosevelt, in answer to a recent letter of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, calling upon the laboring men to support Bryan, has sent an open letter to Senator P. C. Knox, former attorney general. It reads, in part, as follows:
My Dear Senator Knox—In your admirable speech of yesterday you spoke of the action of Mr. Bryan and certain gentlemen claiming to be special representatives of organized labor, foremost among them Mr. Gompers, to secure the support of laboring men for Mr. Bryan on consideration of his agreeing to perform certain acts nominally in the interests of organized labor, which would be really either wholly ineffective or else of widespread injury not only to organized labor, but to all decent citizens throughout the country. You have a peculiar right to speak in the labor questions, for it was you who as attorney general first invoked the great power of the federal government on behalf of the rights of labor, when for the first time in the history of the government, you, speaking for the department of justice, intervened in a private law suit which had gone against a locomotive fireman who had lost an arm in coupling cars, and by your intervention secured from the supreme court a construction of the safety appliance act which made it a vital remedial statute, and therefore has secured to hundreds of crippled employees and widows of crippled employees, compensation which they would not otherwise have obtained.
The daily papers of October 15 contain an open letter from Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, appealing to workmen to vote for Mr. Bryan. In that letter are certain definite statements which interest the American public quite as much as those to whom Mr. Gompers makes his appeal. These statements warrant all you have said in your speech and they would warrant you in asking Mr. Bryan to say publicly whether Mr. Gompers states correctly the attitude of his party and himself on a subject that is of vital concern to every citizen, including every business man, as well as every farmer and every laborer who looks to the courts for the protection of his rights.
Mr. Gompers announces publicly that Mr. Bryan's party has made this program its own. Is Mr. Gompers correct in this statement?
Either Mr. Gompers is mistaken as to what Mr. Bryan's party has promised in the matter of another injunction legislation or those who drafted his party platform, in their haste, failing to make his promise so clear that the general public would understand it precisely as Mr. Gompers understands it.
Mr. Bryan failed in his letter of acceptance to discuss this injunction plank of his party's platform. So far as I am aware he has failed to discuss it since.
There should be such discussion as a matter of common fairness, not only to labor, but to all citizens alike. On a question of such grave consequences the people are entitled to know where Mr. Bryan stands.
Mr. Taft has repeatedly explained exactly where he stands in this matter of regulating injunctions.
Are we not entitled to know with equal clearness exactly where Mr. Bryan stands?

A NEW TOPIC FOR BRYAN

(By Associated Press.)
MARIETTA (Oct. 21).—Great crowds and lusty cheering was Ohio's greeting to William J. Bryan today. Just before the Democratic candidate passed over the line into West Virginia late tonight he expressed himself as exceedingly pleased with the reception accorded him in the native state of the Republican candidate for president. Although the day was a hard one for him, Bryan exhibited no signs of fatigue. While still in bed this morning, a newspaper was handed into his stateroom and Mrs. Bryan read to him a dispatch stating that the New York Central railroad system is threatening its employees with reduction of wages if he was elected. This was his cue for the day. He fired broadside after broadside into the Republicans in criticisms of their campaign tactics. He regarded the action of the railroad company as a "new menace," and declared that the "little ward heelers who go around to bribe a man with \$5 are moral characters beside a man who attempts to use his power to threaten those who work for him and to buy them with promise of increase or threat by promise of decrease." Taft received his share of the criticism, particularly in the matter of campaign contributions and his attitude regarding the trust and labor questions.

STOCK EXCHANGE LIES STILL IS QUIET

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Aggressive operations to lift the prices of stocks which commenced in volume yesterday were continued indefinitely today, with no strong new development as a basis for movement. The number of shares transferred had risen by noon to a total as large as the aggregate for the whole day yesterday. Bonds were firm.

HEARST MAKES SOME THREATS

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 21.—According to a statement made by W. R. Hearst, additional Standard Oil letters of more importance than any thus far read, are to be made public at an independence party meeting in New York on Saturday night. Hearst declares they are better than any thus far used and he has been saving them for the close of the campaign.

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POLITICAL TANGLE IN UTAH

Salt Lake Republicans Will Have to Vote a Straight Ticket at Election.

(By Associated Press.)
SALT LAKE CITY (Utah), Oct. 21.—The Utah supreme court this afternoon denied the application of W. J. Barrett et al. for a writ of mandamus compelling Secretary of State Charles Tingey to certify the Republican presidential electors on the "Taft Liberal" ticket. The decision was unanimous.
The decision involves a unique point. The "Taft Liberal" party is the name adopted by the American (anti-church) party of Salt Lake City and County, for the purpose of carrying Republican electors on the state and county ticket. The Republican electors, thus endorsed and nominated by the American party, withdrew their names, and action was brought to compel the secretary of state to certify the names notwithstanding, it being the contention of American party leaders that the nominees could not in this manner designate those who should or should not vote for them. Today's decision therefore leaves the "Taft Liberal" party without electors and makes it impossible for the Republican Americans to vote a straight ticket.

2700 KILLED BY TYPHOON

(By Associated Press.)
AMOY, Oct. 21.—The damage done in Thursday's typhoon was much greater than at first reported. In Chang Chow, 3000 houses were destroyed and 1100 persons killed. In Lam Cheng, fifteen miles west of Chang Chow, 600 houses were destroyed and 1200 persons killed. Five years ago Lam Cheng was flooded, and 3000 were drowned. Fifteen miles north of Chang Chow three villages were entirely destroyed in Thursday's storm and 400 persons were killed.

HASKELL SUIT IS INVALID

OMAHA (Neb.), Oct. 21.—The \$600,000 libel suit which Governor Haskell of Oklahoma filed in this city last week against William H. Hearst, is pronounced invalid by prominent attorneys who have examined the petition.
It is pointed out that the laws of Nebraska allow no punitive damages in a libel suit and \$200,000 of the amount asked in the present case is punitive. It is also pointed out that the petition is not accompanied by an affidavit of either Governor Haskell or his attorneys as is required by the laws of this state. Under the Nebraska statutes this suit, it is stated, has no standing in court unless so accompanied.

TAFT'S VOICE IS BETTER

(By Associated Press.)
CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—Aside from joining the Citizens Taft club of Cincinnati, to which he made a noon day address and reviewing a parade and convention of Masons in this city, Judge Taft spent a comparatively quiet day. He leaves early tomorrow morning for three days' activity in Indiana, after which he will travel in New York for the last week of his campaign. According to Mr. Richardson, his throat specialist, who is traveling with Judge Taft, the candidate's throat is greatly improved.

CHOLERA CONDITIONS
IN MANILA IMPROVING
MANILA, Oct. 20.—Twelve new cases of cholera and five suspects have been discovered within the last forty-eight hours. The average number of cases reported is still running about five daily, the affected area being confined to two districts of the city. No Americans have been stricken for the past fortnight.